

**MOUNT POCONO BOROUGH COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016
6:30 P.M.**

President K. Davis opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Councilmembers: F. O'Boyle; D. Casole; K. Transue; M. Oser and C. Williams. Mayor F. Courtright Solicitor J. Fareri and Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan were also present.

Vice President J. Woehrle was absent.

Also present was Attorney Ralph Matergia, representing the president of the Touka Hibachi Steakhouse, Inc., Xiong Cheng. Mr. Xiong Cheng was also present.

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Solicitor J. Fareri explained that a Public Hearing is required by law whenever a liquor license is being transferred from one (1) municipality to another and thus is the purpose of tonight's Public Hearing.

Attorney Ralph Matergia stated that his client Mr. Xiong Cheng wishes to obtain the liquor license for his proposed Touka Hibachi Steakhouse & Sushi Bar which will occupy storefronts #18 and #19 in the Mount Pocono Shopping Plaza at 3236 SR 940 in the Borough of Mount Pocono. It was also explained that the liquor license inter-municipal transfer of LID #70720 and it will be transferred from Chestnuthill Township. Attorney R. Matergia explained that Touka Hibachi Steakhouse & Sushi Bar will be opened Mondays and Thursdays from 11:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M., Fridays and Saturdays from 11:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. and Sundays from 11:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. It is a two hundred and thirty-five (235) seat restaurant opening in November. It was noted that the timeframe for the liquor license transfer is anywhere from ten (10) to twelve (12) weeks.

BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMENTS

President K. Davis opened the floor to Borough Council comments.

Councilmember F. O'Boyle questioned the other locations of the restaurants. Attorney R. Matergia stated that Mr. Xiong Cheng had another steakhouse and sushi bar in Pottstown.

Councilmember M. Oser questioned if there was the required number of EDUs available for this eating establishment.

It was stated by President K. Davis that the EDUs were looked into prior to the signing of the lease.

Other questions from Councilmembers were: the opening date; and, if they provide takeout.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President K. Davis opened the floor to public comments.

There were no questions and there was no one in opposition of the liquor transfer.

Noted for the record, public in attendance were: Mrs. Ruth Gross; Mr. Kevin Kirkwood; and, Mr. Tom Neville.

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Borough Council was in receipt of the necessary Resolution needed to transfer the liquor license, Resolution #2 of 2016

Councilmember C. Williams moved to adopt Resolution # 2 of 2016, a Resolution of the Borough of Mount Pocono approving transfer of Pennsylvania Restaurant Liquor License No. 4-20904 into Mount Pocono Borough from the Township of Chestnuthill. Councilmember M. Oser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further comments from the public or from Borough Council, Councilmember M. Oser moved to adjourn at 6:45 P.M. Councilmember K. Transue seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Noonan, Borough Secretary